

Peer Review Plan

Title of Review:	Assessment of Risk from the Importation of Additional Commodities from BSE Minimal Risk Regions (Canada)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Influential Scientific Information
Agency:	USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Highly Influential Scientific Assessment
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Subject of Review:	<p>In response to requests from Canada and domestic stakeholders, APHIS is considering amending the regulations on BSE minimal risk regions to allow importation of additional live bovines, certain bovine blood and blood products such as fetal bovine serum, and bovine small intestine other than the distal ileum, consistent with FSIS and FDA regulations.</p> <p>The document to be reviewed is an assessment of the BSE animal health risks associated with the importation of these commodities from minimal risk regions. APHIS intends to use the risk assessment to support a proposed rule and to communicate the agency's rationale for the rule to stakeholders, trading partners, and the public.</p>	
Purpose of Review:	The purpose of the review is to confirm that the scientific information used in the risk assessment is accurate and complete, the mathematical models are appropriate and used correctly, and the conclusions are reasonable, given the information presented and the mathematical findings.	
Type of Review:	<input type="checkbox"/> Panel Review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Reviewers <input type="checkbox"/> Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):	
Timing of Review (Est.):	Start: 5/5/2006	End: 7/17/2006 Completed:
Number of Reviewers:	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 or fewer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 to 10 <input type="checkbox"/> More than 10
Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review:	To be determined after the charge for reviewers is developed, but could include the following: knowledge of all aspects of BSE, including current literature on transmission and pathogenesis; knowledge of mathematical modeling, and/or probability and statistics; knowledge of risk assessment in line with international guidelines and standards	

Reviewers selected by: ☐ Agency

☒ Designated Outside
Organization

Organization's Name: Private contractor to be
selected. APHIS will
provide recommendations
for selecting reviewers.

Opportunities for Public Comment?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How: Peer review will be conducted during the comment period of the proposed rule. The risk
assessment will be available for the public to review and comment during that same time
frame.

When: Earliest possible publication of proposed rule would be May 2006

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Other:



Location of
Document Being
Reviewed

The latest version of the Assessment of Risk from the Importation of Additional
Commodities from BSE Minimal Risk Regions (Canada) will be available by clicking
HERE when the comment period for the proposed rule is open and the document is given
to the peer reviewers

To Comment on
This Plan

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